Separate Article for STs

3612. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is Separate Article dealing with Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Article;

(c) the number of categories of the tribal population; and

(d) the strategies planned for the development of each category?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) and (b) A Statement indicating Separate Articles dealing with Scheduled Tribes exclusively and salient features of Articles is laid on the Table of the House (*See* below).

(c) Different communities have been specified under Article 342, of the Constitution of India, as Scheduled Tribes. The communities are State specific, and total communities are over 500 (five hundred).

(d) In order to achieve the objective of socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes, Government of India has adopted a strategy known as Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) since Fifth Five Year Plan.

Statement

Details of Separate Articles for STs

Sl. No.	Number of the Separate Articles for STs	Salient features
1.	Article 244(1)	Through the Fifth Schedule, the administration and control of the Scheduled Areas and the Scheduled Tribes in any State, other than the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram by ensuring submission of Annual Reports by the Governors to the President of India regarding the Administration of the Scheduled Areas and setting up of Tribal Advisory Council to advise on such matters pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the Scheduled Tribes.

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2.	Article 244(2)	Special provisions through the Sixth Schedule for the administration of Tribal Areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mozoram by designating certain tribal areas as Autonomous Districts and Autonomous Regions and also by constituting District Councils and Regional Councils.
3.	Article 275(1)	Grant-in-aid from the Consolidated Fund of India each year for promoting the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes and administration of the Scheduled Areas.
4.	Article 339	Appointment of a Commission to report on the administration of the Scheduled Areas and the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes in the States.
5.	Article 342	To specify the tribes or tribal communities be deemed to be Scheduled Tribes.

Benefit of developmental projects to tribals

†3613. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefit of developmental projects being implemented in the tribal areas is not reaching them and confined only to the papers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that they are not even aware of the important tribal schemes; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to extend the schemes to them and also to implement them properly?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.